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PURVES

While vast numbers of Englishmen and Welshmen, and not a few Irishmen, were among the early pioneers who peopled the New World, comparatively few Scotchmen were among them. But the few that did emigrate here exerted a wide influence in our history.

At a later period, however, an emigrational tide set in from the land of St. Andrew, and of those who constituted this human current, not a few were men of substance at home—men who for one reason or another—personal ambition, adventure, etc.—chose to cast off the bonds which held them within the pale of Old-World conservatism, and to seek larger opportunities in the wonderland of which, doubtless, they had heard much in the preceding century. This, of course, does not take into account the religious causes which induced the emigration of some, although the number is not as great as is commonly supposed.

The founders of the Purves family, however, were men of accepted social position at home—the original seat of which was in Berwickshire, Scotland.

For our facts relative to the original ancestry of this family, we are indebted to "The Scottish Nation."

Sir William Purves, Knight of Berwickshire, Scotland, grandson of William Purves, of Abbbey Hill, was an eminent lawyer and staunch loyalist, who was appointed by Charles II. upon his restoration to the throne, solicitor-general of Scotland and created a Baronet of Nova Scotia, July 6, 1665. He was elected solicitor for the affairs of the Church of England. Besides the land of Abbey Hill, Sir William Purves was proprietor of lands of Purveshaugh, near Earlston in Berwickshire. This land he purchased from the family of Belsches, of Tofts. He held, likewise, the estate of Lamben, lying contiguous to Purves, purchased from Home of Kaims. Both these last are still in the family.

Sir William Purves died in 1681, having married Marjory Fleming, of Restalrig, and leaving six children, as follows: Alexander (afterward Sir Alexander), James, Ann, Marjory, Margaret and Rofina.

Sir Alexander Purves, the eldest child just mentioned, and second Baronet, was born in 1655. He was nominated by patent as successor to his father as solicitor-general. He married Helen Home, a daughter of Sir Home, of that ancient Scottish family, and died in 1701. He had two sons and three daughters. The two sons were Sir William (third Baronet) and Alexander—both of whom are the ancestors of the two American branches of this family and will therefore be treated in two separate sections.

SECTION I

AMERICAN BRANCH FROM SIR WILLIAM PURVES, THIRD BARONET

Sir William Purves, third Baronet, married Elizabeth Deans, of Woodhouselee, and died in 1730. He had nine children, of whom the eldest son was Sir William Purves of whom below; and the second son was Alexander Purves of whom further.

Sir William Purves (fourth Baronet), the eldest of the two sons just mentioned, succeeded to the Baronetcy in 1730 and married Lady Anne Hume Campbell, of the noted Clan Campbell and eldest daughter of Alexander, second Earl of Marchmont. They had three daughters and a son. The latter, Sir Alexander Purves, married four times and died in 1813. His eldest son was Sir William Purves, born October 4, 1767. He assumed, on inheriting the estates of his maternal family, the additional surname of Hume-Campbell, and died April 9, 1833, leaving an only child, Sir Hugh Hume-Campbell, of Purves Hall, the seventh Baronet, born in 1812, M.P. for Berwickshire, 1834-47. Of this line, Mary Purves was Lady-in-Waiting to Princess of Teck, the present Queen Mary of England.

The above line from Sir William Purves, fourth Baronet, has remained in Scotland.

It is from Alexander Purves, brother of Sir William Purves (fourth Baronet) and second son of Sir William Purves (third Baronet) and his wife, Elizabeth Deans, that this particular American branch of the Purves family is descended.

This Alexander Purves married Ellen Douglas, of the ancient Scottish family of that name, and it was their son Alexander who emigrated to America.

Alexander Purves, emigrant ancestor of this branch of the family, born 1771, died 1844, was a merchant of Edinburgh. After spending a year in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with his uncle in 1788, he returned to Scotland and married Elizabeth Braithwaite on January 2, 1790, at Earlston in Berwickshire. He emigrated to America in 1793 with his family, landing at New York, and later settled in Philadelphia.

Issue, by the above marriage, three children:

(1) Jeanette Purves, born Edinburgh, 1792, died 1855 in New York; married, in 1816, William Purves, of Roxburyshire, Scotland.
(2) Mary Purves, born 1793, married David Lincoln, of Union Grove, Wis.
(3) Alexander Purves—of whom below.

Alexander Purves, just mentioned, born 1798, died May 9, 1897, was a prosperous and well-known iron merchant of Philadelphia. He was a director of the American Dredging Company, Southwark National Bank, 1847; Union League (charter member) and the Franklin Institute; member of the Board of Trade and a Grand Master Mason.

Alexander Purves married, 1837, Sara Sevier Likens (Lykens), of Lykens Valley, Pa., born 1818, died 1890; granddaughter of General John Sevier, member first Congress, 1789-91, from North Carolina; general in Militia; Governor of Tennessee, 1796-1801, and 1803-09; member twelfth and thirteenth congresses, 1811-15, and a descendant of Valentine Sevier, of Huguenot descent, who came from France to England and from there in 1740 to Virginia.

By the above marriage there were six children, as follows:

(1) Alexander Purves, born 1839, died January 3, 1842.

(2) Lewis Purves, born 1840, died 1880, unmarried.

(3) Elizabeth Purves, born August 20, 1842, died April 28, 1917; married, 1862, Charles Conklin Savery, born January 2, 1838, died June 18, 1880; son of Hon. Peleg Barrows Savery (born June 7, 1805, died September 15, 1863), and his wife, Julia Eliza Conklin, daughter of Charles and Lydia Conklin, and cousin of U. S. Senator Roscoe Conklin. Hon. Peleg Barrows Savery was an iron manufacturer and established the firm of Savery & Co. in Philadelphia in 1838, and was long identified with the business, social and political life of Philadelphia and was a member of the Senate of Pennsylvania. His son, Charles Conklin Savery, was a member of Savery & Co. (See SAVERY sketch.)

By this marriage there were five children, of whom three, Lewis Alexander, Fanny Mary and Alexander Purves Savery, died in infancy; Charles Peleg Savery, born 1863, died 1893, unmarried. The other child is as below:

1. Sara Lydia Savery, born July 22, 1874, died November 8, 1902; married, April 18, 1893, Charles Ratchford Chapman, M.D., born July 26, 1872, died March 2, 1931; son of Alexander Hamilton and Lorinda (McWhinney) Chapman and brother of Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman. Issue, two children:

    1. Charles Savery Chapman, born February 4, 1894, died July 12, 1912.

    2. Elizabeth Lorinda Chapman, born July 9, 1897, married November 26, 1935, Mason Winch Lindsay Lawrence, born August 9, 1891, son of Ernest Lindsay and Anna Mason (Winch) Lawrence. (Resides Springfield, Mass.)

(4) Sara Purves, born 1843, died 1877, unmarried.

(5) Charles Purves, born 1844, died 1893; married, November 20, 1861, Debora Jones. Issue, Alexander Purves, who died unmarried, and Charles S. Purves, born 1866, died September 21, 1938; president, Purves Machine and Iron Company, of Philadelphia; married Eva May, and their daughter is Eva May Purves.

(6) Fanny Roberts Purves—of whom below.

Fanny Roberts Purves, the youngest of the six children just mentioned, born Philadelphia, Pa., June 7, 1846, died 1929; married, November 29, 1870, Colonel George Alexander Bernard—of whom and his line see below.

BERNARD

The name BERNARD is of French origin and goes back to 1420, when Edme Bernard was seigneur of Montessys. From then on the name has been prominent in the history of France.

From the above Edme Bernard is descended Baron Simon Bernard—of whom below.

Baron Simon Bernard, born in France, 1779, died 1840, had a most distinguished career, but we cannot possibly, in the space allotted here, do justice to his accomplishments. He was a noted engineer and soldier serving with Napoleon and rising to the grade of Field Marshal of France in 1814. The Order of Chevalier de St. Louis was bestowed upon him. Because of his allegiance to Napoleon, upon the latter's escape from Elba, and his participation in the Battle of Waterloo, General Bernard was forced to leave France and settle in the United States.

President Monroe commissioned him in 1816 as an assistant in the corps of Engineers of the United States with the rank of brigadier general. He was responsible for the planning and executing of Fort Monroe, as well as some of the great engineering projects of that time; the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal; Delaware Breakwater, and including our entire Atlantic and Gulf Coast defenses.

In 1830, when the Revolution broke out in France, General Bernard returned to France, and was appointed aide-de-camp to King Louis Phillipe. In 1832 he was appointed commander, in 1834 was Minister of War until 1839. Prior to his death, he was raised to the French peerage with the title of Baron.

General Bernard married, March 10, Marie Anne Josephine Jeanne N. Barbe-Crescence de Luchenfeld.

George Alexander Bernard, son of Guilliame Henri Bernard, of Bayonne, France, great grandson of General Bernard, born in Bayonne, France, 1843, died in Philadelphia, January 22, 1909. During the Civil War he was first lieutenant, Seventh Regiment, Sixty-fifth Chaussers, New York Volunteers, 1861, and captain, 1862. He participated in many of the important battles of the war, serving with Generals Burnside, Sheridan and Grant; was brevetted major for gallantry at Cold Harbor; promoted to rank of Lieutenant colonel for gallantry at capture of Petersburg in 1865; was present at the surrender of General Lee and was mustered out August, 1865.

In 1867 Colonel Bernard removed to Philadelphia and was associated for a time with the prominent jewelry firm of Bailey, Banks and Biddle, as diamond expert, and also with Tiffany & Co., of New York. He retired in 1889. He married - as previously mentioned—Fanny Robert Purves.

By the above marriage there were three children, as follows:

(1) Henry Alexander Bernard, born April 10, 1872, died November 27, 1931; married, June 30, 1892, Mary Kennedy Collin, born December 24, 1870; died December 29, 1911. They had three children:

1. Florence Purves Bernard, born December 2, 1893; married, May 9, 1912, George C. Hartnett. Issue, three children:

   1. Eileen Elizabeth Hartnett, born January 6, 1913; married, September 25, 1935, John J. Foley, Jr. Issue, one child:

      1. John J. Foley, 3rd, born October 3, 1937.

   2. Bernard Holbrook Hartnett, born December 10, 1914.

   3. Alexander Purves Hartnett, born September 20, 1926.

2. Beatrice Barton Bernard, born December 19, 1898; married, April 16, 1916, Daniel Newbold Black, Jr.

3. Eleanore Hammond Bernard, born December 2, 1901.

(2) George Purves Bernard, born May 15, 1874, married, 1901, Eleanore Bledsoe. Issue, one child:

1. Marie Frances Bernard, born January, 1905; married, December 26, 1926, Lt. W. Woolcott Shea. Issue, two children:

   1. Marie Frances Shea, born November, 1927.

   2. Elizabeth Ann Shea, born December 4, 1935.

(3) Frances Purves Bernard—of whom below.

Frances Purves Bernard, born Philadelphia, October 29, 1875; married, June 19, 1899, Dr. Levi Jay Hammond, distinguished surgeon, of Philadelphia.

Dr. Hammond was born at Kent Island, Md., January 26, 1862, the son of William and Almira (Duke) Hammond, of Devonshire, England.

Dr. Hammond graduated, A.B., Rutherford College, N. C., 1883; A.B., University of Pennsylvania, and, M.D., 1886. He started his practice in Philadelphia, specializing in surgery, and soon established a national reputation for himself. He was chief surgeon and president of the surgical staff of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, visiting surgeon of the Samaritan Hospital and out-patients' physician to the Philadelphia Dispensary. He was instructor in aural surgery at the University of Pennsylvania from 1913 until his death, January 6, 1930. He was appointed director in 1926 of the George S. Cox Medical Research Bureau. He successfully conducted a private surgical hospital for ten years, abandoning it only because of pressure of work and endeavoring to concentrate labor.

Dr. Hammond is credited with being the first to have transplanted an organ of a dead man in a living person; and he was the first surgeon to perform the operation of staphyloraphy, the plastic operation for cleft palate, consisting in uniting the mucous membrane across the cleft. He perfected many surgical instruments that are widely used. During the World War he served as secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital Unit Selective Service Board, as consulting surgeon to the Hog Island Emergency Fleet Corporation and as surgeon to the naval base. He contributed many articles to the medical journals; was a member of the leading medical societies, having been president in 1912 of the Philadelphia Medical Society in 1920 of the Medico-Legal Society. Chairman of Surgical Section of the Society of the State of Penna., 1917.

Dr. Hammond, married, as mentioned above, Frances Purves Bernard. They had three Children, as follows:

(1) Frances Hays Hammond, born, Philadelphia, October 28, 1902; married, October 28, 1922, Robert Charles Ligget, of Valley Forge, Pa., son of Craig N. Ligget and Anna Taggart, of Louisville, Ky. They had two daughters:

1. Frances Bernard Ligget, born August 7, 1923, died December 9, 1938.

2. Audrey Hammond Ligget, born October 26, 1927.

(2) Audrey A. Hammond, born October 14, 1905; died 1906.

(3) Levina Sevier Hammond, born November 3, 1907; married, November 10, 1926, Frank Paul Kane, born 1904, son of John Kent and Margaret Oglesby (Paul) Kane, of Philadelphia, whose aunt, Margaret Dalgren Paul, married William Waldorf Astor. (See Kane and Paul sketches.) They have three children:

1. Pauline Astor Kane, born December 3, 1927.

2. John Kent Kane, 2d, born May 11, 1931.

3. Peter Bayard Kane, born April 3, 1938.

SECTION II

We return to Alexander Purves, younger brother of Sir William Purves, third Baronet, and son of Sir Alexander and Helen (Home) Purves.

This Alexander Purves emigrated to America with his son John and founded this line. According to the marriage record in Edinburgh, dated June 29, 1728, Alexander Purves married Margaret Ray. We do not know the exact date in which he emigrated to America. From records in the family, it appears that he came here when his son John was three years of age. As John was born in 1738, it would seem that Alexander arrived about 1741, settling in Philadelphia.

John Purves, son of Alexander Purves, was born in Berwickshire, Scotland, December 17, 1738, and died in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1802. He settled for a time at Bridgeton, N. J., later removing to Philadelphia, where he was a successful merchant. He married, June 30, 1765, Ann Marot, born March 10, 1739, died 1825, daughter of Pierre Marot, a merchant, of Bridgeton, N. J., and later of Philadelphia, and granddaughter of Pierre Marot, a Huguenot, born 1680, who sailed from Rotterdam in 1733 with his wife and seven children to Philadelphia and took oath of allegiance, September 18, 1733.

They had five children, as follows:

(1) Alexander Purves—of whom below.

(2) John Purves, born 1769, died 1772.

(3) Ann Purves, born 1771, died 1772.

(4) Margaret Purves, born 1773; married William Milnor and had issue.

(5) Peter Purves, born 1776, died 1798, unmarried.

Alexander Purves, the eldest of the above five children, born September 20, 1766, died July 20, 1827. He was a well-known cloth merchant of Philadelphia; a member of the City Councils; trustee and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. He married (1) Margaret Colesberry, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Geaveureat) Colesberry. She died August 25, 1816, and he married (2) Lydia (Maxwell) Tybout, daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Cooch) Maxwell and widow of Richard Tybout; granddaughter of Thomas Cooch, Jr., and his wife Sarah Griffith; great granddaughter of Hon. Thomas Cooch (Colonel American Revolution) and his wife Sarah Lowen. The Cooch, Maxwell and Tybout are all prominent Delaware families, the Maxwell being of Scottish descent and the Tybout of French descent.

By the first marriage there were seven children, as follows:

(1) John Purves, M.D., born 1801, died 1848 in Bolivia; married and had two children who died young.
(2) Henry Colesberry Purves, born 1803, died 1829; married and had a son, Robert, who married, settled in Trenton and had issue.
(3) Alexander Purves, born 1806, died 1816.
(4) James Wilson Purves, born 1808, died 1829.
(5) William Purves—of whom below.
(6) Andrew Purves, born 1811, died 1812.
(7) Joseph Marot Purves, born 1813, died 1839.

By the second marriage of Alexander Purves there were two children, as follows:

(1) Alexander Perot Purves
(2) Elizabeth Ann Purves —both of whom later.

William Purves married, May 7, 1839, Ann Kennedy, born April 11, 1811, above, was born December 28, 1809, and died October 28, 1886. His entire business career was spent with the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society, serving for thirty-five years, first as secretary and treasurer in 1849, then vice-president until the time of his death. He was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church and later the Calvary Church; was custodian of the Washington Monument Fund and a member of many religious, historical and charitable associations.

William Purves married, May 7, 1839, Ann Kennery, born April 11, 1811, daughter of William and Ellen (Darrach) Kennedy, of Delaware. They had five children, as follows:

(1) Lydia Maxwell Purves, born February 9, 1840, married April 27, 1876, Augustus Edwin Taylor. Issue, two children:
  1. William Purves Taylor, married, April 12, 1901, Lilian Lehman Schindel, daughter of Andrew F. and Alice Howard (Lehman) Schindel.
     (Reside, Harrisburg, Pa.) Issue, two children.
     1. Dorothy Virginia Taylor, born Philadelphia, Pa., August 2, 1902, married, April 11, 1922, Carl Vail Schlaet (divorced); married (2) May 12, 1934, Marrin M. de Picabia. (Reside, Cornwall, N. Y.)
     2. Elizabeth Bringhurst Taylor, born June 23, 1916, married, September 15, 1938, Charles Edward Kelcy.
        (Reside, New York City.)
  2. Ann Purves Taylor, married Clyde Heller, of Merion, Pa.
(2) William Kennedy Purves, born July 1, 1841, married April 6, 1876, Mary Louise Masters. Issue, one child:
  1. Mary Louise Purves, married Walter Hull, of Oak Park, Ill.
(3) Guillermo Colesberry Purves—of whom below.
(4) Ellen Eliza Purves, born April 18, 1846, died May 29, 1854.
(5) George Tybout Purves—of whom below.

Guillermo Colesberry Purves, the third of the above five children, was born in Philadelphia, December 18, 1843, and died December 5, 1923. Graduated, B.A., Yale, 1864; M.A., 1867; LL.B., University of Pennsylvania, 1867. Admitted to the Philadelphia bar and practiced until 1885, when he was elected to the position of assistant treasurer and secretary of the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society. In 1887 he succeeded his father as secretary and treasurer. In 1902 he was elected vice-president and in 1903 president, holding that position until his death.

He was a director of the Philadelphia National Bank, Insurance Company of North America, Fidelity Trust Company; trustee, Mutual Assurance Company of Philadelphia; vice-president, Mortgage Trust Company of Pennsylvania. He was active and prominent in philanthropic and charitable work; was president of the Union Benevolent Society and Philadelphia Lying-In Charity Hospital; for years treasurer of the Howard Hospital and trustee of Jefferson Hospital; president of the Board of Trustees, Calvary Presbyterian Church.

G. Colesberry Purves married, November 17, 1900, Elizabeth Cowan Gilkison, daughter of Anthony and Fanny (Edwards) Gilkison, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and a descendant of Jonathan Edwards, New England's greatest clergyman of the Colonial period. They had no issue.

George Tybout Purves, younger brother of G. Colesberry Purves and youngest of the five children of William and Ann (Kennedy) Purves, born September 27, 1852, died September 24, 1901. He received his preliminary education at the famous Faires Classical Institute in Philadelphia; graduated University of Pennsylvania in 1872; D.D., 1894; Princeton Theological Seminary, 1876; D.D., Washington and Jefferson, and LL.D., Lafayette, 1895. When ordained he occupied a number of pulpits in various churches and delivered many lectures at Princeton and in other parts of the East and Middle West. He served as pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York from 1900 until his death; was professor, New Testament Literature and Exegesis, Princeton Theological Seminary, from 1892 until 1900. He contributed many articles to dictionaries of the Bible and to magazines and religious publications. Author: "Apostolic Age."

Rev. George Tybout Purves married, October 11, 1881, Rebekah Bird Sellers, daughter of Mortimer and Rebekah (Bird) Sellers, of Philadelphia. They had six children, as follows:

(1) Elinor Kennedy Purves, born December 15, 1882; resides Princeton, N. J.

(2) Rebekah Sellers Purves, born March 25, 1884; married, December 8, 1901, Rev. William Park Armstrong, of Princeton, N. J. They have six children, as follows:

1. Rebekah Purves Armstrong, born April 7, 1906, married May 30, 1932, Rev. Clarence Ransom Comfort, Jr. Resides at Maplewood, N. J. Issue, one child:
   1. David Ransom Comfort, born February 28, 1936.

2. William Park Armstrong, Jr., born May 31, 1907; married, October 11, 1931, Katharyn Webster Rogers. Resides New York City.

3. George Purves Armstrong, born October 9, 1908; married, December 28, 1933, Mary Alice White. Resides Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Issue, one child:
   1. Alice White Armstrong, born October 21, 1935.
4. Anne Elizabeth Armstrong, born March 11, 1911.
5. Jane Crozier Armstrong, born April 15, 1916.
6. James Isbell Armstrong, born April 20, 1919.

(3) Mildred Marot Purves, born June 7, 1886; married, November 12, 1913, Ellinwood Alden Frost, of Germantown, Philadelphia. Resides at Bernardsville, N. J. Issue, four children:

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1. Priscilla Alden Frost, born December 6, 1914.
2. George Purves Frost, born December 12, 1916.
3. Elisabeth Ellinwood Frost, born September 13, 1922.
4. Joan Gridley Frost, born January 15, 1924.

(4) William Mortimer Purves, born May 8, 1888; associated with the Chrysler Corporation, of Detroit; married, December 12, 1914, Mary Roberta Wade, of Orillia, Ontario. Resides at Birmingham, Michigan. Issue, one child:
1. William Mortimer Purves, Jr., born May 24, 1918; died August 12, 1934.

(5) Gertrude Colesberry Purves, born October 11, 1891; resides at Princeton, N. J.

(6) George Tybout Purves, born July 8, 1896; in the investment business in New York City; married, December, 1919 (1) Margaretta Fitzgerald Benson, daughter of Rev. Louis F. and Caroline Perot (Warren) Benson, of Philadelphia (see BENSON sketch); married (2), September 9, 1933, Helen Allen Ferguson, of Philadelphia. Issue, two children by the first and one child by the second marriage:
1. Margaretta Fitzgerald Purves, born February 21, 1922.
2. George Tybout Purves, born June 19, 1926.
3. Anne Marot Purves, born July 5, 1935.

Alexander Perot Purves, half brother of William Purves and the elder of the two children of Alexander Purves by his second marriage to Lydia (Maxwell) Tybout, was born December 28, 1825, and died July 18, 1905. He married, in 1851, Emma Benson, youngest of the two children of Gustavus Smith and Elizabeth Earp (Shallcross) Benson; and granddaughter of Richard Benson, founder of the Philadelphia branch of this family. (See BENSON sketch for full details.)

Alexander Perot and Emma (Benson) Purves had six children:

(1) Elizabeth Shallcross Purves, born 1852, died January 29, 1920; married, 1877, James K. Dohrman, who died March, 1929. Issue, five children:
1. Kent Purves Dohrman, born August 26, 1878, died March, 1880.
2. Mabel Kent Dohrman, born January 22, 1880; married, October 19, 1905, Charles R. Hoe, Jr., and resides Cranford, N. J. Issue:
   1. Elizabeth Purves Hoe, born June 8, 1909; married, October 22, 1934, Rev. Howard F. Klein. Issue:
      1. Gretchen Klein. 2. Howard Charles Klein.

2. Mabel Kent Hoe, born June 11, 1911, married, May 6, 1939, William Robinson, Jr.

3. Austin Frederick Dohrman, Born February 18, 1882; married September 19, 1912, Lottie Sperry. Resides Cranford, N. J. Issue:
   1. Ella B. Dohrman, born July 8, 1913.
   2. Austin F. Dohrman, Jr., born November 17, 1918.

4. Margie Dohrman, born July 21, 1886, married Harry William Haight, M.D., born August 15, 1881; practices medicine at New Brunswick, N. J.; A.B., Princeton; M.D., Harvard. Author: "Case System of Teaching Hygiene in Public Schools." Son of Samuel John Haight II and Mary Ann (Hoffman) (both Illinois pioneers). Issue, one child:
   1. Mary Ann Haight, born March 2, 1929.

(2) Austin Montgomery Purves, born Brooklyn, N. Y., October 28, 1854, died at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, October 12, 1915. He attended the Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, N. J. He entered the office of Edmund Randolph, noted financier. For some years Mr. Purves divided his time between this city and New York. He later became connected with the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company and made his permanent residence here. He was with this company for more than thirty years, being vice-president for more than twenty years, and resigning upon his retirement from business in 1914. He was a member of the Union League many years; was deeply interested in the success of grand opera in this city and in painting and literature. His close friends were men and women noted in artistic circles, among whom were Maxfield Parrish, Poultney Bigelow, Joseph Pennell, Kenneth Graham, Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch (who dedicated a book to him), the Misses Violet Oakley, Jessie Willcox Smith, Elizabeth Shippen Greene, etc. He loved his home, the informal Sunday afternoons being a part of the social life of Philadelphia.

He married (1) Almy Augusta Stocker, born 1859, died 1893, daughter of John Clements and Katherine Myers (Hale) Stocker. By this marriage there were two children, Katherine and Alexander, both of whom died in infancy. He married (2), March 29, 1894, Betsey Preston Coleman, born December 8, 1869, daughter of John Addison and Ellen Clarissa (Holmes) Coleman, of Providence, R. I., and descendant of Thomas Coleman, who came from England to Boston in 1635. (Mrs. Purves divides her time between Paris and Philadelphia.)

By this marriage there were six children, as follows:

1. Ellen Christine Purves, born 1894, died 1895.
2. John Coleman Purves, born March 6, 1896; graduated, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; mechanical and civil engineer of Springfield, Mass. Married, June 24, 1922, Mary Temple Bradley, daughter of Eustace Anstruther and Anna Chapman (Leonard) Bradley. Issue:
   1. Rose Bradley Purves, born January 24, 1924.
   2. Anna Eustacia Purves, born September 12, 1926.
3. Edmund Randolph Purves, born June 20, 1897; graduate, University of Pennsylvania Architectural School, 1920. Member of the Board of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind, Overbrook, Philadelphia;

of the City Parks Association; of the Architects' Building Corporation; vice-president. Architectural Alumni Society. University of Pennsylvania; Secretary of the Managing Committee of the John Stewardson Memorial Scholarship in Architecture; president. Pennsylvania Association of Architects; vice-president. Philadelphia Chapter. American Institute of Architects; member American Institute of Architects; former instructor in architecture. School of Industrial Art. Served two and one-half years in A. E. F. in France; eighteen months' active service. Received Croix de Guerre and citation by French Government.

He married Mary Carroll Spencer. Resides Media. Pa., and has two children:

1. Edmund Spencer Purves. born January 6. 1928.
2. Alan Carroll Purves. born December 14. 1931.

4. Austin Montgomery Purves. Jr.. born December 31. 1900; well-known artist and head of Fine Arts Department. Cooper Union. Married Ellen Tybout Wood. Issue:
   1. Ellen Wood Purves. born April 11. 1927.
   2. Joan Purves. born July 27. 1928.
   3. Oliver Purves. born February 15. 1931.

5. Dale Purves. born December 2. 1901; B.S. in M.E.. University of Pennsylvania. 1921; industrialist; officer of John B. Stetson Company, of Philadelphia; married. February 27. 1933. Louise Ewing Allen. Resides Chestnut Hill. Issue:
   1. Louise Purves. born April 26. 1935.
   2. Dale Purves. Jr.. born March 11, 1938.

6. Pierre Marot Purves. born February 22. 1907; A.B.. University of Pennsylvania: M.A.. Princeton; Ph.D.. University of Pennsylvania; archaeologist; faculty. University of Chicago Oriental Institute; married. May 6. 1939. Mary Cornelia Gage of Chicago. Resides Philadelphia. Pa.

(3) Margaretta Dale Purves, born May 29, 1856, died. unmarried, April 28, 1932.

(4) Emma Benson Purves. born May 1. 1860. died November 2. 1936; married. 1889. Walter Murphy of Philadelphia; graduated A.B., Yale; attorney of Salt Lake City; died 1897. Issue. 3 children:

1. Harold Purves Murphy. born July 9. 1890; B. S.. University of Pensylvania. 1911; chemical engineer; research. Electric Storage Battery Co.. of Philadelphia. Married. 1918. Violet Evans. Issue, two children.
   1. Malcolm Purves Murphy, born 1920.
   2. Ann Evans Murphy. born 1925.
2. Helen Benson Murphy. born April 7. 1893; graduated School of Industrial Art of the Pennsylvania Museum. 1914: Occupational Therapist in Army hospitals. 1921-30; in charge of O.T. in Pennsylvania General Hospital. Resides. unmarried. Philadelphia.
3. Emma Maxwell Murphy. born January 12. 1895; graduate. Hygiene and Physical Education. Wellesley. 1914: M.A.. University of Pennsylvania: teacher of physical education in Philadelphia Public Schools; unmarried.

(5) Alexander Purves. born. Brooklyn. N. Y.. October 17. 1861; being obliged to earn his living. he had to forego a college education and be-

came in his early youth real estate officer of the Fidelity Trust Company, of Philadelphia. He had a promising business career ahead of him, but when he was thirty-two years of age he decided to devote his life to the promotion of a better understanding between the white and negro races. He became treasurer and business manager of Hampton Institute (Hampton, Va.) and founded and became president of the Southern Improvement Company. The purpose of this company was to enable the negroes to throw off the oppressive mortgage system and to own their own homes. This undertaking proved a great success. He was a student of economics and wrote a number of articles which were published in various magazines. His untimely death—due to overwork—occurred in 1905 at the early age of forty, but many noteworthy accomplishments were crowded in the few years of his life, the results of which remain to this day.

Mr. Purves married, October 23, 1890, Helen Ogden, born December 10, 1868, daughter of Robert Curtis and Ellen (Lewis) Ogden. Mrs. Purves resides at Hampton, Va. Issue, two children:

1. Ruth Purves, born October 9, 1891, married Alfred Van Santvoord Olcott, of New York. Issue, three children:
   1. Alexander Purves Olcott, born August 10, 1916.
   2. Alfred Van Santvoord Olcott, Jr., born February 2, 1919.
   3. Helen Ogden Olcott, born December 16, 1922.
2. Robert Ogden Purves, born February 15, 1895; treasurer, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.; married, October 23, 1926, Marjorie Taylor, born July 22, 1896, daughter of Nathan A. and Florence (Supplee) Taylor. Issue, two children:
   1. Helen Ogden Purves, born March 21, 1932.
   2. Alexander Purves, born December 8, 1935.

(6) Harriet Benson Purves, born November 21, 1870; married, October 11, 1900, Rev. Francis Palmer, born Baltimore, Md., January 10, 1866, died Jenkintown, Pa., October 26, 1928. Graduated A.B., Princeton, 1890 (cum laude, valedictorian, and Phi Beta Kappa); Princeton Theological Seminary, 1894. Served in four pastorates in California and in the East, combining with his church duties notable service in community life. Descended from New England ancestors who served their country in its early history, both with military service and financial support; from Barnabas Palmer, who came from Dublin, Ireland, to New Hampshire, in 1741; and from Aquila Chase, who came from England to Plymouth, Mass., in 1639. (Mrs. Palmer resides at Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.). Issue, three children:

1. Alexander Purves Palmer, born July 22, 1901; graduated Princeton, 1922; manager of Marine and Casualty Department of the insurance firm of Hare & Chase, of Philadelphia. Married, June 12, 1928, Madeleine (Daughtrey) Godfrey of Virginia.
2. Francis Palmer, Jr., born August 24, 1906; graduated B.S., Lehigh University, 1929; business administration; investment counselor. Married, January 9, 1939, Mildred (Gray) Senior, of Philadelphia.
3. Alan Maxwell Palmer, born March 16, 1908; graduated William Penn Charter School of Philadelphia; manager service department, central district at Cleveland, Ohio, for McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. Married (1) October 10, 1931, Mary Clement Stocker Knowles, who died November 4, 1933; married (2) April 16, 1935, Elizabeth (Gray) Ostheimer.

Elizabeth Ann Purves, sister of Alexander Perot Purves, and the only daughter of Alexander and Lydia (Maxwell) Tybout Purves, born 1827, died 1916. She married, in 1852, John Barnard Gest, born November 4, 1823, died March 1, 1907; the son of John and Ann (Barnard) Gest; descendant of Henry Geste, who came from England in 1686 to Chester County, Pa.

John Barnard Gest, graduated University of Pennsylvania in 1844 and in 1847 was admitted to the bar. He practiced his profession until 1873, when he became vice-president of the Fidelity Trust Company, of Philadelphia, and, in 1890, president of the company, resigning in 1900. He was one of the founders of the Alumni Association of the University of Pennsylvania and a trustee from 1884 until his death.

They had four children: Alexander Purves Gest—of whom below; Lydia Maxwell Gest, who married G. Howard Freedley; John Marshall Gest and William Purves Gest—both of whom below.

Alexander Purves Gest, the eldest of the above four children, was born in Philadelphia, February 2, 1853. He entered Dr. Faires' Classical Institute in 1863 and, after completing the course, matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, Class of 1872. On completion of the junior year, he entered the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., graduating as civil engineer in 1874. In 1875 he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Chief Engineers' Department and, after serving in various capacities, was appointed division engineer, successively, on the Monongahela, Pittsburgh and New York Divisions of the Pennsylvania, and division superintendent of the Bedford, Frederick and Belvidere Divisions. On the consolidation of the Belvidere and Amboy Divisions, in 1912, he was appointed to the newly created position of special agent, New Jersey Division, and in 1915 was appointed secretary of the Association of Transportation Officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad, serving in this position until his retirement on April 1, 1921. Author of "Engineering," etc.

He married, January 25, 1887, Kate K. McTighe, who died September 24, 1926. Issue, five children:

(1) Elizabeth Anne Gest, born 1888.
(2) Alexander Purves Gest, Jr., born 1890; B.S. in M.E., U. of Pa., 1912.
(3) John Barnard Gest, born 1892; B.S. in M.E., U. of Pa., 1913; Attorney at Law.
(4) Mary Thorpe Gest, born 1892.
(5) Annette Eleanor Gest, born 1895; married Samuel R. T. Very.

John Marshall Gest, brother of Alexander Purves Gest, was born in Philadelphia, March 17, 1859. He prepared for college at Dr. Faires' Classical Institute; entered the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with degree of A.B., 1879; A.M., 1882; LL.D., 1930. Admitted to the Philadelphia bar, 1882, and practiced until 1911. Elected Judge of Orphans' Court, Philadelphia, July 1, 1911, re-elected, 1921, for ten years and again, 1931, for ten years. In 1932 there was an impromptu observance in his court of his completion of fifty years as a lawyer.

He was vice-provost, Law Academy; served as trustee, University of Pennsylvania, Free Library and Presbyterian Hospital, of Philadelphia; was chairman of the commission to codify and revise the law of decedents' estates, 1915-17, this commission reporting seven acts which were adopted by the Legislature and approved by the Governor, June 7, 1917. Author: "Drawing Wills and Settlement of Estates in Pennsylvania," 1910; "The Lawyer in Literature," 1913; "Trial of Judge Bridlegoose," 1923; "The Old Yellow Book—Source of Browning's 'The Ring and the Book.'" 1925. Also numerous essays and addresses on legal and literary subjects. Member, American Philosophical Society, the American, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations, the Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of the Revolution, Shakespeare Society, etc. He died November 30, 1934.

Judge Gest married, April 17, 1888, Emily Judson Baugh, daughter of Edwin Pugh and Louisa (Ralston) Baugh; descendant of Jacob Baugh, who came from the Palatinate, Germany, to America in 1729 and settled near Pottstown, Pa. They had two children, as follows:

(1) Sydney Grier Gest, born September 30, 1896; graduated, University of Pennsylvania, 1919; Oxford University, 1923; member of the Philadelphia bar; entered diplomatic service; was vice-consul at Havana, Cuba; secretary in the diplomatic service; during World War served in Fifth Regiment, U. S. Marines; awarded Croix de Guerre and Distinguished Service Cross. Married Maria Isabel Escobar.

(2) Margaret Ralston Gest, born July 27, 1900.

William Purves Gest, younger brother of Judge John Marshall Gest, born, Philadelphia, February 27, 1861; received his preparatory education at Dr. John W. Faires' Classical Institute; graduated, University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1880; LL.B., 1883; LL.D., 1932. He was admitted to the bar in 1883 and entered the law offices of Bullitt and Dickson. Later he joined his brother, John Marshall Gest, with whom he remained until 1889, when he entered the service of the Fidelity Trust Company as assistant to his father. In 1891 he became assistant to the president, in 1900 vice-president and in 1915 president. In 1926 the Fidelity Trust Company and the Philadelphia Trust Company consolidated, forming the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company, of which Mr. Gest became chairman of the board of directors.

Other business interests included directorships in the First National Bank, Insurance Company of North America, Alliance Insurance Company, Whitehall Cement Manufacturing Company, Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, Lehigh and New England Railroad Company, New Chester Water Company, Hazle Brook Coal Company, Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia Traction Company, etc.

He was a trustee of the Presbyterian Hospital, the Union Benevolent Association, the Musical Fund Society; member, American Philosophical Society, American Academy Political and Social Sciences, Society of Colonial Wars, Sons Revolution, Franklin Institute, etc. He died January 12, 1939.

Mr. Gest married, November 15, 1891, Isabel Thorn Howell, daughter of William and Rebecca T. Howell. They had two children: Isabel Gest, who married Ellwood J. Rotan, of Philadelphia, and Lillian Gest.